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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Method for Producing Gears and/or Shaft Components with Superior Bedding Fatigue Strength and Pitting Fatigue Life from Conventional Alloy Steels" which is described and claimed in the specification which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment.

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